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Noach “Noah”- B'reisheet (Genesis) 6:9- 11:32 6 Cheshvan 5767 - October 28, 2006

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We are not given the ability to discern the exact timing of Yeshua's return. Therefore, any individual who prophesies that he or she knows the exact timing of the return of the Lord is speaking falsely. Even Yeshua did not know the exact timing of his return. Mathew 24:36 states **“of that day and of that hour no man can know, no, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”** HaShem wants us to seek him out and repent freely so we are not allowed to know the exact timing. If human beings knew the exact date and the exact time of the Lord's return, we would wait until the last minute to repent. Not knowing exactly when it will happen, requires us to stay constantly prepared. Scripture does speak of specific signs that will occur before the Lord's return. Some of these signs are addressed in Mathew 24:5-7, which states, **“many shall come in my name, saying, I am Messiah; and shall deceive many. You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that you are not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in far away different places.”** The world will become more chaotic; natural disasters will occur more frequently; and false messiahs will deceive people. In Mathew 24:37-39 Yeshua compares the world before his return with the world that existed before the flood. Yeshua's comparison makes it clear that society will become more corrupt as the time of his return approaches. As a result of the corruption, it is inevitable that the society before Yeshua's return will also be judged similar to the judgment of *Noach's*

generation. To understand fully the importance of Yeshua's comparison between *Noach's* generation and the generation that will exist before his return, we must understand how completely corrupted the world had become during *Noach's* generation.

B'reisheet 6:11-13 states, **“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.”** The earth had become totally corrupt and mankind's perversion grieved HaShem. HaShem regretted the creation of man as we can see in B'reisheet 6:6 from *The Complete Jewish Bible*, which states **“Adonai regretted that he had made humankind on the earth: it grieved his heart”** Because all people had become totally evil the land had also become unclean. Therefore, HaShem needed to purify the entire earth. We can see this in B'reisheet 6:7. It states **“the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air”**. HaShem's judgment destroyed every living thing, except the righteous individuals and the animals that HaShem protected on the ark. It is this state of the world that Yeshua chose to compare to the state of the world before his return.

Throughout Scripture there are accounts of the total corruption that will exist before Yeshua's return. In fact, the corruption becomes so wide spread that a world leader arises claiming to be the messiah, and the world accepts him. Even the holy place of the Lord is not free from the corruption that exists. Mathew 24:14-15 states **“this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end occur. When you shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (who ever reads, let him understand:)”** To save the few righteous individuals that remain HaShem will intervene similarly to the way He intervened in the days of *Noach*. HaShem judges the world to protect the righteous individuals that are still alive. We can see this in Mathew 24:22, which states **“except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”** HaShem shortens the days of the tribulation for the righteous by the return of Yeshua. Mathew 24:29 states **“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they**

shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

Yeshua equates his return with a passage in *Yo'e'l* 2:10, which states **“The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:”** In context this passage is part of a larger passage describing the Day of the Lord. *Yo'e'l's* description makes it clear that the Day of The Lord will be a day of judgment and cleansing. Yeshua's return is to purify the land the way that the flood had purified the land. HaShem's judgment during *Noach's* generation and Yeshua's judgment when he returns are similar because, both occur for the protection of the righteous remnant.

HaShem has not given any individual the right to know the exact time or the exact day of Yeshua's return. However, HaShem has given us warning signs to help us discern the season when Yeshua's return will occur. We can see that Yeshua compares the season of his return with the condition of the world that existed during *Noach's* time. With this comparison we can understand that the generation before the return of Yeshua will be as perverse as the generation that existed in the days of *Noach*. Yeshua is warning us because, when he returns he will bring judgment. Like *Noach's* generation had time before the completion of the ark, we have time before the return of Yeshua. We can see this when Yeshua's quotes Yesha'Yahu 61:1-2 in Luke 4:18-19 which states **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”** Currently we have time because we are living in the acceptable year of the Lord. However, the acceptable year of the Lord will not last forever. When it ends Yeshua will conclude the passage in Luke 4:18-19 with its ending from Yesha'Yahu 61:2 which states **“and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn”**. Hopefully, we will be wiser than *Noach's* generation and return to HaShem before the flood overtakes us and we perish.

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